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PLEA IN PLAISTOW BANK ROBBERY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono today announced that Jennifer Brodeur, 25, of Brookfield, Massachusetts, pleaded guilty on Friday, October 31, 2003, in the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire to one count of bank robbery. The charge stems from the January 30, 2003, robbery of the BankNorth, Route 125, Plaistow, New Hampshire.

On January 30, 2003, Brodeur entered the BankNorth on Route 125 in Plaistow and displayed a note to a teller. Written on the note were the words "I have a gun. Put two thousand dollars in two envelopes." The teller removed two thousand dollars from her drawer and placed it in two envelopes which she gave to Brodeur. Brodeur left the bank and was observed entering a pickup truck.

Brodeur was arrested a few days later after police located a pickup truck that matched the vehicle observed on the day of the robbery. A search of a Kingston residence where Brodeur was staying resulted in the seizure of clothing identical to the clothing worn by Brodeur during the robbery, as well as a draft copy of the bank robbery note.

Brodeur will be sentenced on January 29, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. The statutory maximum sentence for bank robbery is 20 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000. Brodeur may face an enhanced penalty if she qualifies as a career offender under the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A person qualifies as a career offender if she has two or more prior felony convictions for either a controlled substance offense or a violent crime.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono expressed his appreciation to the Plaistow Police Department and the Kingston Police Department for their capture of the defendant and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its assistance in the investigation. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U. S. Attorney Don Feith.